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1. It is reported that the position of Alexander RANKOVIC, Minister of Interior and Chief of UDB has been insecure for several months. The Ministry of War is allegedly waging an all-out campaign against him and has recently been supported therein by a number of high ranking officials, not identified, of both the Yugoslav Government and the Yugoslav Communist Party.
2. During a recent closed session in Belgrade of high government officials at which Edvard KARDelj, Minister of Foreign Affairs, presided, the following points were brought to RANKOVIC's attention:
 - a. Despite the large organization and the enormous expenditures of UDB, RANKOVIC has not succeeded in bringing internal peace to Yugoslavia.
 - b. Cominformists and Cominform sympathizers inside Yugoslavia are increasing and provoking considerable unrest.
 - c. Sabotage and passive resistance continues in nearly all industries throughout the country.
 - d. UDB is spending vast sums abroad, much of which is squandered by its agents in "riotous living".
 - e. Many "planned escapes" from the country of those sent as double agents result in defections or inactivity.
 - f. Yugoslav I.S. abroad should be reorganized to eliminate unproductive agents and informants, increase financial control, intensify collaboration between all Yugoslav agencies operating in the same country, eliminate competition and petty jealousies, and to direct dissemination of information to all interested government agencies and not only to RANKOVIC and his immediate entourage.

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